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Woman jailed for assaulting elderly mum, faces separate murder charge

SIBU: A woman was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday after pleading guilty to voluntarily causing hurt to her 77-year-old mother.

Magistrate Romario Jonoi ordered Sie Ing Huong, 48, to serve the sentence from the date of conviction.

During the proceedings, veteran Radio Televisyen Malaysia sign language interpreter Tan Lee Bee helped Sie, who is deaf, understand the charge and court proceedings.

Tan, reportedly Malaysia's first court sign language interpreter, has served in the role since 1994.

Sie was charged under Section 323 of the Penal Code read together with Section 326A of the same law, for assaulting her mother Sii Chai Lang at an unnumbered house in Bukit Lan at about 9pm on May 12 this year.

According to the facts of the case, Sie assaulted her mother after the latter refused to give her money. The victim sustained injuries to the left side of her head and left hand.

Separately, the court fixed Dec 29 for mention of a murder charge against Sie, pending the chemical analysis report.



Sie is led from the courtroom after sentencing.

She is accused of murdering her mother by stabbing her with a pair of scissors at the same house at about 1.50pm on June 25 this year.

The murder charge is framed under Section 302 of the Penal Code, which carries the death penalty or imprisonment of between 30 and 40 years upon conviction.

If the death penalty is not imposed, the offender is also liable to whipping of not less than 12 strokes.